

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Ellis, Ferguson, Hendry, Howell, Long, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Walls—19.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. McKinnon moved that the further reading of the Journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and the Journal amended and approved.

Mr. Lykes offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That a committee of three from the Senate and five from the Assembly be appointed upon "Census and Apportionment," to report by bill or otherwise the feasibility of re-apportioning the representation from the different counties, and re-districting the State in Senatorial districts.

Mr. McMeekin introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to furnish the Senate a statement showing the defaulting collectors of revenue, the amounts in default and the amount of poll-tax uncollected for the years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874 and 1875.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the resolution of Mr. Lykes be placed among the orders of the day;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walls moved the adoption of Mr. McMeekin's resolution.

Mr. Walls moved to withdraw his motion, so as to introduce the following as an amendment:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and hereby is, requested and instructed to report to this Senate the names of all defaulting tax-collectors and the amounts of defalcation from the admission of the Territory of Florida as a State to the present year, 1877.

Mr. Brantley moved that the resolution be placed among the orders of the day;

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on Public Printing made the following report:

The standing committee on Public Printing have taken into

consideration the order of the Senate, in relation to the printing of 200 copies of the daily Journal for the use of the Senate, and have received the following proposition from the Public Printer, C. E. Dyke, Sr.:

For 100 copies of the daily Journal, to be laid on the desks of members each morning, one cent for each one hundred words per copy; for an additional 100 copies, one-half cent per one hundred words. This proposal embraces all miscellaneous printing, such as bills, reports, messages, &c. For 300 copies of the Journal in book form, to be stitched and delivered after the adjournment, one dollar and fifty cents per page, counting one copy.

Your Committee have agreed to accept the proposition of the State Printer, and recommend that the Senate so order the printing to be done. Respectfully submitted,

J. C. RICHARD, Chm'n.
WHITFIELD WALKER,
W. T. ORMAN,
J. W. HOWELL,
A. FERGUSON.

Mr. Cottrell moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. Osgood moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until to-morrow;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Durkee, Ferguson, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—7.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Ellis, Hendry, Howell, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—13.

So the motion to postpone was not agreed to.

Mr. Meacham offered the following resolution as a substitute for the committee report on printing:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be and they are instructed to receive bids from printers, and the lowest bid shall have the printing.

The President ruled the resolution out of order.

Mr. Meacham moved to recommit the report on Public Printing;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Ferguson, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—6.

Nays—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Ellis, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Lykes, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—15.

So the motion to recommit was lost.

Mr. Orman moved the adoption of the report on Public Printing;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Ellis, Ferguson, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Lykes, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard and Walker—17.

Nays—Messrs. Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—5.

So the motion was adopted.

On motion, the Senate went into Executive Session.

The doors being opened, the President announced the following committee, appointed yesterday but not furnished:

Joint Committee to visit and inspect the State Prison, and for other purposes: Messrs. Walker, Orman and Ferguson.

Mr. Walls introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be, and hereby is instructed to examine into the manner in which the Public Schools have been conducted in the several counties, and report as early as practicable to this Senate;

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Rules made the following report:

RULE 1. When nominations shall be made by the Governor to the Senate, they shall, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate, lay over for action until the day succeeding the day upon which they were made; and the final question on every nomination shall be: "Will the Senate advise and consent to this nomination?" Which question shall not be put on the same day on which the nomination is received.

RULE 2. Nominations neither approved nor rejected during the session at which they are made, shall not be acted upon at any succeeding session without being again made by the Governor; and if the Senate shall adjourn *sine die*, all nominations pending and not finally acted upon at the time of taking such adjournment, shall be returned to the Governor, and shall not be acted upon afterwards, unless again submitted to the Senate by the Governor; and all motions pending to reconsider a vote upon a nomination shall fall on such adjournment.

RULE 3. All information or remarks concerning the character or qualifications, or the vote upon the confirmation of any person nominated by the Governor to office, shall be kept a secret; but the fact that a nomination has been made shall not be regarded as a secret after the time has expired when a motion to reconsider may be made, and it shall be considered a breach of privilege for any Senator to break this rule.

RULE 4. When acting on Executive business, the Chamber shall be cleared of all persons except the Secretary of the Senate, who shall be sworn to keep the secrets of the Senate.

RULE 5. The Legislative proceedings and the Executive proceedings of the Senate shall be kept in separate books.

RULE 6. Nominations approved or definitely acted upon by the Senate, shall not be returned by the Secretary of the Senate to the Governor until the expiration of the time limited for making a motion to reconsider the same, or while a motion to reconsider is pending, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate.

RULE 7. No transcript of the Executive record shall be furnished unless by special order of the Senate.

RULE 8. All confidential communications made by the Governor shall be by the members and officers of the Senate kept secret.

Which was adopted.

The following committee, to prepare rules for the observance of the Senate during Executive Sessions, was appointed by the President: Messrs. Lykes, Cottrell and Durkee.

Mr. Cottrell moved that fifty copies of the rules be printed for the use of the Senate;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Long moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Ellis, Ferguson, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Walls—19.

A quorum present.

A message was received from the Assembly, and placed among the orders of the day.

A message was received from the Governor, by the hands of his private Secretary.

The Committee on Appropriations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., January 10, 1877.)

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred Senate bill No. 2, entitled "An act making Appropriations

to supply deficiencies in the Appropriations for the Year 1875, and for Defraying the Expenses of the State Government for the year 1876," beg leave to report that they have examined the same and recommend that it pass with the following amendments:

Strike out all from the word "for" in line 7 to the word "for" in line 9, add after word "dollars" in line 20: for jurors and witness certificates fifty-seven thousand three hundred and seventy-four dollars and thirty-one cents (\$57,374.31); for E. A. Perry for Attorney's fees, one thousand dollars.

S. T. LYKES, Chm'n.

Which was read.

Mr. Cottrell made the following report from the Committee on Joint Rules:

The Joint Committee of the two Houses, appointed to prepare and report joint rules for the government of business between the two houses, after due deliberation have instructed me to report the rules hereto attached and to recommend their adoption. The chairman of the Assembly committee will make a like report to the Assembly.

J. L. F. COTTRELL,
Chairman Senate Com.

While bills are on their passage between the two houses, they shall be on paper and under signature of the Secretary or Clerk of each house respectively.

After a bill shall have passed both houses, it shall be duly enrolled on parchment by the Clerk of the Assembly or Secretary of the Senate, as the bill may have originated in the one or the other house, before it shall be presented to the Governor of the State.

When bills are enrolled they shall be examined by a Joint Committee of two from the Senate and two from the Assembly, appointed as a standing committee for that purpose, who shall carefully compare the enrollment with the engrossed bills as passed in the two houses, and, correcting any errors that may be discovered in the enrolled bills, make their report forthwith to their respective houses.

After examination and report, each bill shall be signed in the respective houses, first by the Speaker of the Assembly, then by the President of the Senate.

After a bill shall have been thus signed in each house it shall be presented by the said committee to the Governor of the State for his approbation, it being first endorsed on the back of the roll, certifying in which house the same originated, which indorsement shall be signed by the Secretary or Clerk, as the case may be, of the house in which it did originate, and

shall be entered on the journal of each house. The said committee shall report the day of presentation to the Governor, which time shall also be carefully entered on the journal of each house.

All orders, resolutions and votes, which are to be presented to the Governor of the State for his approbation, shall also in the same manner be previously enrolled, examined and signed, and shall be presented in the same manner and by the same committee as provided in cases of bills.

Mr. Cottrell moved the adoption of the report;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walls moved the Senate go into Executive Session;

Which was agreed to.

The doors being opened,

Mr. Osgood moved that the Senate do now adjourn until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock;

Upon which Mr. Walls moved that the yeas and nays be called;

Which was agreed to, and the vote was as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Ferguson, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McKinnon, Osgood and Patterson—10.

Nays—Messrs. Ellis, Hill, McMeekin, Richard, Wallace and Walls—6.

So the Senate adjourned.

SENATE CONFIRMATIONS.

Wm. Archer Cocke, Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit.
Peter Cone, Sheriff of Nassau County.

Wm. H. Garland, Assessor of Revenue of Nassau County.

Wm. C. Haymon, Sheriff of Manatee County.

H. Fisher Wyatt, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Manatee County.

Henry Carlton, Assessor of Manatee County.

Wm. A. Johnson, Collector of Manatee County.

REMOVALS.

Jas. E. Meddaugh, from the office of Sheriff of Nassau County.

F. M. Bennett and Gamalial Fisher, from the office of Commissioners of Pilotage at Fernandina.

Samuel Walker, from the office of County Judge of Leon County.

C. H. Edwards, from the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Leon County.